

HEAD WAS BEATEN TO A PULP

Wells-Fargo Express Messenger Killed in Car on Santa Fe.

Oscar A. Bailey's Body Found on Floor of Car With Back of His Skull Crushed and Brains Oozing Out—Motive of Murder Was Evidently Robbery as Two Express Safes Were Ransacked.

Special to Daily Leader.

Newton, Kans., March 30.—Oscar A. Bailey, a Wells-Fargo express messenger, living at 49 Porter street, Kansas City, Kas., was killed by an unknown person in his car on Santa Fe train No. 115, between Florence and Newton early Sunday morning. His dead body, with his head beaten to a pulp was found when the train reached Newton at 4 o'clock. The motive of the assassin or assassins was evidently robbery, for both the through and the local safe had been ransacked. Just how much the robbers secured is not known, but they got at least \$1,000 in cash and some jewelry.

Bailey's body was found on the floor of the car, his head lying in a pool of blood. The back of his skull was crushed and his brains were oozing out. The end of the car in which the body lay was splattered with blood, hair and bone. The sides of the car had splashes of blood as high as the ceiling. There was no evidence of any struggle and it is the belief of the officers that the unfortunate man was attacked while asleep and killed before he could offer resistance.

Threw Out Bills.

Bailey was last seen alive at Strong City, At Peabody, someone inside the car opened the door just far enough to throw out a package or two of bills and then closed it quickly. The officers have two theories as to how the robbers gained access to the car. They may have entered unobserved at Strong City, Emporia, or some point on the line and concealed themselves until a favorable opportunity presented itself or the messenger may have admitted someone whom he knew to ride in the car with him.

It is supposed that soon after leaving Florence, the messenger lay down on a bed which he had fixed up on a box and went to sleep, as was his custom during this part of the trip. The robber or robbers then struck him a terrific blow in the face with some sharp instrument, believed to have been a hatchet, fracturing the jaw bone. Bailey evidently threw up his right hand to ward off another blow, for the bones of the fingers in this hand were broken. He probably rolled off the box onto the floor, face downward, when a pillow was thrown on his face and his body covered with a blanket.

Beat Head to Jelly.

The robbers landed blow after blow on his skull, reaching it 12 or 15 feet from the head man's pockets they removed his keys and opened the local safe. After ransacking the safe, they looked it and put the keys back into the messenger's overcoat and folding this garment, put it in the dead man's grip where it was found when the car reached here.

The through safe was also opened, and the contents gone over. It is believed that this safe had not been locked when the train left Emporia. When the train slowed down at the Missouri Pacific crossing in the east part of Newton, two men were seen by the engineer to jump from the train and run south. The south door of the baggage car was found open when the train reached the Newton depot.

It is believed by the officers that these men were the robbers and that they made a detour around the business part of town to the west yards of the Santa Fe, where they may have boarded Santa Fe train No. 17, which left the depot twenty minutes after No. 115 arrived. Three suspicious characters were taken off the blind baggage of this train when it reached Wichita and are being held for examination.

Possess Scouring Country.

The police were notified promptly and within an hour possess were scouring the surrounding country under the direction of the sheriff and railroad detectives. Up to this morning, however, they had not found a trace of the robbers.

Bailey's body was ordered removed to a local undertaking establishment by the coroner. He was about 35 years of age and had been married only a short time. His home is in Kansas City, Kas.

The Wells Fargo company has offered a reward of \$1,000 for the apprehension of the guilty parties. It is believed by some that the work was done by one man, who might have been an acquaintance of the messenger and was permitted by the messenger to ride in the car. The police, however, scout this idea. It is believed that the messenger recognized his assailant, and that the knowledge that he might be identified later led the robber to complete the job after striking the first blow.

Bloody Hatchet Found. Later in the day a hatchet with blood and hair upon it was picked up at Wagner, a small station between Florence and Peabody. It was no

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DEFYER OF ALL LAW

H. S. Armstrong, Notorious Oklahoma Jointest and Gambler Meets Death in Mining Camp.

A dispatch from Winnamuck, Nevada, to The Leader, asking for information concerning H. S. Armstrong and later a wire sent to W. P. Martin, secretary of the Eagles lodge at Nowata, carry with them the end of a man who for the past two years led a life of open rebellion to all law, in the Cherokee Nation, and who had caused more trouble and lawsuits than the lot of a thousand citizens.

Armstrong lived at Hallett, or at least he called that place his home, and it is there he will be buried, probably Wednesday or Thursday, the body being carried from Nevada to that town.

Dashed All Law. Armstrong went to Nowata last year and opened a gambling house and soon that was conducted in open defiance of law that other jointesters and gamblers were astounded

at his open method of running the place.

He ran a roulette wheel where the click of the ball could be heard on the main business thoroughfare, and the call of the craps-table keeper was mixed with that of the band who ran the keno-like game. Faro and poker were played within sight of people who were passing and the women of the

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LOCATES STATE DISPENSARY.

Superintendent Loxier Closes Lease For Old Royal Bar Quarters.

Robert E. Loxier, superintendent of the dispensaries of the state, today signed a contract with J. M. Brooks for the use of the room two doors west of the hotel entrance for state headquarters from which the different county agencies will secure their supplies of liquors for medical purposes.

The building was occupied by the Royal bar prior to its location.

Mr. Loxier stated that the office would be opened for business tomorrow and that it would be from twenty to thirty days before the department would be thoroughly organized. He is of the opinion that the purchase of the liquor stock will be upon bids, which will take some time. It is rumored today that Rev. B. J. Waugh, who was an applicant for state superintendent, will be made assistant chief dispenser and that such an office will be created by the legislature.

On Trial for Burglary.

Chester Wolf, who was arrested several weeks ago at Edmond on the charge of burglarizing the Owl drug store and who had the stolen goods on him when arrested, is being tried in the district court today. He is a bright looking young man and is said to belong to a highly respectable family in Boston, Mass. He gives an alias to which his family from shame. He states that he was driven to the crime because of being a stranger in a strange land, without money, friends or employment.

Raider Gambling Den.

Sheriff Mahoney raided another gambling den Saturday night located in the shed building on West Harrison avenue and some gambling paraphernalia was taken.

Mystery In Deaths

(By Associated Press.)
Cleveland, March 30.—The bodies of a man and woman, the former believed to be that of Carl Bernthaler, a music teacher and the latter Miss Lena Zachmann, a public school teacher, were found in a field in the suburbs today. Both were shot through the heart. It is believed that either both were murdered or that the man killed the woman and committed suicide.

10 PER CENT REDUCTION.

(By Associated Press.)
Boston, Mass., March 29.—Sixty thousand New England mill operatives were effected today when a general reduction of ten per cent in wages went into effect. The reduction is due to depression in the cotton goods market.

Twenty Millions.

The assessment of Logan county property today reached twenty millions. Says County Clerk Morgan. Farms that were assessed at \$300 and \$1,000 last year under the old Oklahoma law are being assessed at \$3,000 to \$5,000, and as the old assessment gave the county about four million of taxable property, the new one at the same proportion of the farms listed above, will give the county an assessed valuation of \$20,000,000.

BILL REACHES THE HOUSE.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 29.—The Abolition currency bill reached the house today. It was referred to the committee on banking and currency.

TODAY IN DEPARTMENTS

Agricultural Assistant. Prof. E. E. Balcom, who has been at the head of the department of agriculture in the Southwestern Normal school at Weatherford, was named by State Superintendent Cameron as agricultural assistant in his office. He is to have charge of organizing the agricultural departments in the different state school institutions as well as the rural and city high schools, the teaching of which is under management by the commission. This change in effective April 1st. Prof. Balcom is one of the best known educators in the new state. He was a member of the faculty of the University of California for several years and is second vice-president of the National Teachers' association.

State School Meetings. From reports being received by State Superintendent E. D. Cameron there will be large attendance at the public school officers' meeting here on April 1 and 2.

New York Company Reports. The American Telephone and Telegraph company of New York, which has extensive interests in the eastern part of the state, with headquarters at New York, today filed their annual

(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, Ill., March 30.—Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday, with probably showers in extreme east tonight.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The board of regents of the state normal schools will meet at Edmond April 7, and in Guthrie on April 8.

No Violation of Liquor Law.

According to an opinion by Mont P. Highley, assistant attorney general, the removing of liquor which was secured by an interstate contract from the depot to the purchaser's home is not a violation of the prohibition law. In another opinion he holds that bond and surety companies which are required to pay for the filling of their annual statements with the state insurance commissioner.

WOMAN GOT THE DECREE

Where Husband, William I. West, Had Filed the Suit For Divorce

The divorce case of William I. West vs. Florence West, which was tried in the district court late Saturday afternoon was hotly contested, a large number of witnesses being examined. Judge Horton granted a decree in favor of the defendant, gave her the custody of the children and judgment against the plaintiff for \$500 alimony, together with costs of suit.

It will be remembered that the defendant had West arraigned before the county insanity board a few months ago, claiming that he was crazy. The board in passing upon the case stated that West "was more delirious than crazy" and put him under a police bond, as he had threatened the life of his wife.

Col. T. S. Jones appeared as counsel for the plaintiff and Gustave Jersson for the defendant.

WIPED OUT MINE'S ENTIRE WORKING FORCE.

(By Associated Press.)
Havana, Wyo., March 30.—The bodies of only two of the fifty-eight miners and mine officials killed in the ill-fated mine disaster. One of the Pacific coast companies Saturday night have been recovered. From experience to strengthen and others, all are dead and complete recognition the life of his wife.

BURGULARY MAKE RAID ON JEWELER'S WINDOW

(By Associated Press.)
New York, March 30.—Gems and jewelry valued at \$3,000 were stolen from the show window of the Fifth avenue store of Dilan Kellekian, Persian consul at New York, last night. The burglar broke the glass of a small window at one side of the main display window and took everything in one of the trays.

FOOLING THE TAXPAYERS

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CITY COUNCIL'S COURSE ON WATER FILTER CONTRACT

Business session, enrollment of new members and payment of dues, 1:30 p. m.—Music. Annual Address—President George H. Evans. Annual Poem—Col. Clarence B. Douglas, Muskogee Phoenix. Symposium—"The Making of a Newspaper." Mechanical department—W. J. Drummond, Enid Daily Eagle. News department—J. B. Renfro, Refractor's Record, Atva. Editorial—Wm. Stryker, Tulsa Daily Democrat.

USING POLICY OF EVASION

Throwing Dust in the Eyes of Protesting Citizens

The city council meets in special session this evening for the purpose of opening and considering bids for a water filtration plant and on storm sewers.

The city council authorized for bids in December last an \$80,000 worth of municipal improvements voted last August by the taxpayers on the strength of securing a new water filtration plant immediately. Bids were submitted on the filtration plant in December, the bids ranging from \$12,500 up to \$35,000. The two lowest bids were submitted by the Jackson Filter company, of St. Louis, and the Greer Filter company, of Pittsburgh, \$12,500 and \$20,000 respectively. The public improvement committee, after having several meetings, one of which ended in an assault by one of the members upon a commissioner with an ink well, recommended the Greer proposition. The Business Men's league, representing the taxpayers of the city, protested on the ground that the Jack-

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Suit for Divorce.

Adelle Johnson, through her attorney, J. A. Henry, filed suit in the district court today against Wiley C. Roberts, praying that a divorce be granted her on the grounds of non-support and abandonment. They were married in 1888 and she charges him with abandoning her in March, 1904.

Want New Trial

William and Charles Baker, convicted in February last of criminally assaulting H. R. Stiles in Pithers county, today applied to the supreme court for a new trial.

Pat Leaky, who represented the Muskogee News State Tribune in the constitutional convention in the city meeting up with some of the "old boys."

Kaiser Backs Up

PRESS ASSOCIATION PROGRAM.

Meeting Will Be Held at El Reno, May 15 and 16.

Friday's Program. Begins at 10 a. m. in the Carnegie library.

Meeting called to order by President George H. Evans, Chickasha Daily Express.

Song—Hawatha Male quartette. Welcome Address—Hon. B. W. Riley, Mayor of El Reno.

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Oration—John M. Shepherd, The Pawnee Courier-Dispatch. Newspaper Accounting—F. E. B. Ames, Vinita Leader.

Advertising—G. A. Smith, Chandler Tribune.

Each of the above topics limited to five minutes, followed by discussion. On Friday night the members of the association will be entertained at the Elks home by a musical program from 8 to 8:30 p. m.

Welcome—Hon. Thomas B. Reed. Response—Hon. Frank H. Greer, Guthrie State Capital.

Banquet and ball. 9:30 a. m.—Music. Women and the Press—Mrs. T. B. Ferguson, Watonga Republican.

Legislation—Senator Roy E. Stafford, Daily Oklahoman. Report of legislative committee. Business session.

1:30 p. m.—Automobile ride to Huntington and Fort Reno.

3:00 p. m.—Excursion to Oklahoma City and entertainment there during the afternoon and evening by the Chamber of Commerce.

The excursion on West Harrison avenue will open May 1st.

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Outpourings of Sorrow. In these outpourings of her soul she breathed the poignancy of her sorrow, and her sweetness of girlish youth, faith and self sacrifice were ever apparent. In her misery she pleaded with her lover to come to her saying that she had been brave but was beginning to feel discouraged. In spite of her suffering she thought first of all of him, and how she might lessen any burden that he was destined to bear.

"I am as lonesome for you as—Oh, as I thought I'd be. I don't believe you've even missed me," she wrote soon after her arrival home. "I did not think all the home folks would be glad to see me. They are up and, as if you ever have thought I was spoiled, dear, I don't know what you will think of me when I got back. You or any one else won't be able to do anything with me."

A few days later she wrote: "I have done nothing but cry since I got here. If you were only here I would not feel so badly. I do try to be brave but how can I when everything goes wrong? I can't help thinking you will never come for me, but then I say you can't be so mean as that, and believe you told me you would come and you have never disappointed me when you said you would not."

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Family Row Among Outlaw Brothers Results in Funeral Which Was Held Yesterday.

Special to Daily Leader.

Muskogee, Okla., March 30.—The funeral of Charles Wyckliffe, the murdered outlaw yesterday afternoon in the Spavinaw hills was attended by a big crowd, and among these were Tom and John Wyckliffe. The father of the boys says that Tom did not kill Charley. The latter's head was mashed as with a club. Tom and Charley alone were on a wagon load of corn when the killing took place. Neighbors heard a fusillade of rifles. Trees were cut and marked by bullets, some of them explosive.

Tom Wyckliffe did not mingle with the crowd and refused to talk to anyone. The general belief is that Charley, Tom and John Wyckliffe got a jug of whiskey and the killing was the result of a drunk. Officers were expected but did not show up, as they had been warned that if they interrupted the funeral a wholesale killing would follow.